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# FOREWORD

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the first installment of Volume 29. Until recently, the *Washington International Law Journal* was the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* and was limited to the Pacific Rim and related law and policy. The Journal's scope expanded in Volume 24 to include all international, foreign, and comparative law topics. This issue seeks to further implement this expansion with articles and comments addressing a wide range of international and foreign law topics.

In Volume 29, Issue 1, readers will explore global topics within a broad international framework, from space law to policy suggestions for the Belt and Road Initiative to theories on international jurisdiction.

This issue begins with Paul B. Larsen's analysis on the international interests in space law and the need for a legal order to regulate the "final frontier." Following, Ronald C. Brown compares the different approaches in free trade agreements, particularly regarding labor standards, that may optimize the benefits of the Belt and Road Initiative ("BRI"). Weixia Gu also analyzes best practices in lieu of the BRI and offers insight on different approaches to arb-med-arb dispute resolution policies. Next, Satya T. Mouland examines how adjudicative jurisdiction may be utilized as a means of enforcement in international law. Finally, the issue orbits back to space law with Rosario Avveduto's student comment. There, Rosario discusses how international space law interacts with intellectual property law.

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We are proud to present our readers with this compilation of foreign and international law scholarship. With that, we present the first issue of Volume 29.